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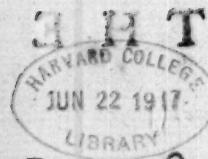
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The First LESSON.

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*Here beginneth the First Chapter of the
Book of P R E F E R M E N T.*

I.

NO W it came to pass in the 15th Year
of the Reign of *George* the King, in the
2d Month, on the 10th Day of the Month
at Even, that a deep Sleep came upon me,
the Visions of the Night possessed my Spirit,
I dreamed, and behold *Robert* the Minister
came in unto the King, and besought him,
saying :

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II.

O King, live for ever ! let thy Throne, be establish'd from Generation to Generation ! but behold now the Power which thou gavest unto thy Servant is at an end, the *Chippenham* Election is lost, and the Enemies of thy Servant triumph over him.

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Wherefore now I pray Thee, if I have found Favour in thy sight, suffer thy Servant to depart in Peace, that my Soul may bless Thee.

IV.

And when he had spoken these Words, he resigned unto the King his Place of First Lord of the Treasury, his Chancellorship of the *Exchequer*, and all his other Preferments.

V.

And great Fear came upon *Robert*, and his Heart smote him, and he fled from the Assembly of the People, and went up into the Sanctuary, and was safe.

And

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VI.

And the Enemies of *Robert* communed amongst themselves, saying, What shall we do unto this Man? And they appointed a Committee to Enquire concerning him.

VII.

Howbeit the Man from whom they sought Information was possess'd with a dumb Spirit, and he opened not his Mouth, neither spake he unto them good or bad.

VIII.

Then the Committee were in great Wrath, and they reported this Matter unto the House; but their Report was even as a Fart, which stinketh in the Nostrils for a Moment, and is forgotten.

IX.

And I saw in my Sleep, and behold all they who sought for Places, rushed into the Palace in great Numbers; insomuch that the Courts of the King's House were full.

X.

And they all cried out with one Voice saying, Give us Places! and the Sound of

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their Voice reached to the uttermost Parts
of the Land.

XI.

And when the People understood that
these Patriots only fought themselves Places,
they murmured greatly, and they said a-
mongst themselves, *Verily, verily; all is Va-
nity and Vexation of Spirit.*

XII.

Why therefore have we striven in Vain ?
and why have we disquieted our selves in
vain ? For behold all Men have corrupted
their Ways before the Lord, there are none
that doeth good, no not One.

XIII.

Corruption, as a Moth, hath eaten up
their Principles, Poverty and Shame is their
Portion, and they and their Sons shall be
dependent for ever.

XIV.

Nevertheless the Cry of the Patriots con-
tinued with great Violence, and it wounded
the Ears of the King, insomuch that he was

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compelled to stop their Mouths by giving them Places.

XV.

As the Cry of the Hounds ceaseth when
the Entrails of the Beast are divided amongst
them, so ceased the Clamours of Patriots at
the Distribution of Places.

Thus endeth the first Lesson.



VII

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The Second L E S S O N.

*Here beginneth the Second Chapter of the
Book of P R E F E R M E N T.*

I.

NOW these are the Generations of those
that fought Preferment.

II.

Twenty Years they sought Preferment,
and found it not ; yea, twenty Years they
wander'd in the Wilderness :

III.

Twenty Years they fought them Places,
but they found no Resting-place for the Soal
of the Foot.

IV.

And lo ! it came to pass in the Days of
G E O R G E the King, that they said amongst
themselves, Go to, let us get ourselves Places,
that it may be well with us, our Wives, and
our Little ones.

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V.

And these are the Names of the Men
that have gotten themselves Places in this
their Day.

VI.

Now the first that pushed himself forward
in this Affair was the Motion-maker, who
being swoln with Pride and Ambition, and
thirsting in his Heart after the Mammon of
Unrighteousness, he determined with him-
self that he would ask for the Chancellorship
of the Exchequer: but his Party wist not
what he designed.

VII.

Wherefore he went in privily unto the
the King's Palace, and he got himself placed
at the Head of the Exchequer, where he
sitteth unto this Day.

VIII.

Who now shall bring in the Place-Bill?
Who now shall make a Motion for Remo-
val? Verily, verily, it is much to be feared,
that he who expecteth these Things from
S---ds will be greatly disappointed.

IX.

And *C----t----* the Scribe took the Place
of Secretary of State, and *H---gt---* presi-
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deth at the Council-Board, and *W-lm-gt-n*
the President is made First Lord of the
T---f---y.

X.

In these Days Lord *H-r-vy* held the
K---g's Signet, and to him succeeded Lord
G----r.

XI.

And the King had a Guard called Gentle-
men-Pensioners, and over them he set Lord
B---th---t.

XII.

Lord *L---mr---k* got the Reversion after
Lord *P---lm---t-n* for himself and for his Son
after him ; and he shall be called the King's
Remembrancer from Generation to Genera-
tion.

XIII.

Lord *Ed---me* was and is not ; he was
the K---g's Treasurer in the Land of *Ireland*,
but he found no Favour in their Eyes, and
to him succeeded *Harry V---ne.*

XIV.

Henry L---g was Scribe to the Treasury,
but the Name of *L---g* was unseemly, so
he is called *Henry F---n---se* unto this Day.

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XV.

Moreover it came to pass, that for his great Skill in Maritime Affairs, Lord *W---n-ch---se* was set at the Head of the Admiralty.

XVI.

To Lord *C---bb---m* was given the First Troop of tall Men, called Horse-Grenadiers, and he was likewise made a Field-Marshal.

XVII.

So also was Lord *St---r*; moreover he was sent Ambassador unto the *Dutch*, and our Credit encreaseth amongst them.

XVIII.

To Lord *S---d---y B---cl---k* succeeded *William F---ch*, as Vice-Chamberlain to the King: his Brother *Edward* also was made Groom of the Bedchamber.

XIX.

And that his Majesty might not want good and able Counsellors learned in the Law, lo! *M---rr---y* the Orator, and *N---th---l G---nd---y* were appointed King's Councel.

XX.

But what shall be done unto *P---lt---y*? What shall be done to the Man whom the King delighteth to honour? For lo! the Word is gone out of his Mouth, he hath

hath said in his Wrath that he will have no Place.

XXI.

Behold an Expedient ! He shall no longer be called *W---m P---lt--y*, but the *E---l* of *B---h*. And what is it to *W---m P---lt--y* what the *E---l* of *B---h* shall do? What is the Privilege of *P---r---ge*, but to do what they please uncensured?

XXII.

These are the Men after their Generations, and many more shall come in unto the Land to possess it.

XXIII.

Of the Tribe of *Jacob* twelve Thousand; of the Tribe of *Andrew* twelve Thousand, of the Tribe of *Patrick* twelve Thousand.

XXIV.

And all these things came to pass, that the Saying of the Prophet *Jonathan* might be fulfilled, *Those that are in shall be as those that are out, and those that are out as those that are in*: But the Lord of *B---h* is over all, and blessed be the Name of the Lord of *B---h*.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.